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V-Ball hosts the SMC Invitational

St. Michael's hosted the fourth annual SMC Invitational held last weekend. How did the Lady Knights measure up?
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In Other News...

Stupid pet tricks

A Saint Michael's professor's cat accidentally got the ride of its life last week when it crawled into a clothes dryer and the dryer was turned on. The cat, Blue, crawled into the dryer to take a nap.

The woman returned five minutes later and found the cat badly injured. She rushed the cat to a nearby animal hospital where it was in stable condition at last report.

Racism rears its ugly head Swastika, hate message found in biology lab

By Dana Fronczak
News Editor

Dr. Dorothy Williams closed her office door behind her as she began doing some evening work.

"I've never felt afraid here, but I think I'll lock myself in tonight," she said, with a nervous laugh.

Williams' concern stems from an incident that occurred on Friday, October 15, when two students found a red swastika, drawn on a dry-eraser board with the words, "Kill Dot W." written underneath.

"I'm feeling much better now," Williams said last Friday, two days later. "The support that has been shown has really helped."

Security is considering the incident a legitimate threat, Director of Security Peter Soons said. He expressed doubt as to whether anyone would be caught. "We have no real evidence. What had been displayed has been erased," he said.

Two students were in the biology lab of the new addition to Cheray Science Hall when they found the message, Soons said. Outraged, the two students erased it. One of the students reported the incident to the Security Office Saturday afternoon at about 4 p.m.

The two students have declined comment.

The Defender has learned that the exterior doors to Cheray and all other classroom buildings were closed on Friday at 9 p.m., because the Samples were playing on campus that evening. The two students said they made a first visit at approximately 9:30 p.m. to check their experiment and later returned at 11:35 p.m. and found the swastika,

according to Security reports.

"(The student) was positive that the swastika was not on the dry eraserboard at 9:30 p.m.," officer Steve Kushing said.

"There is a list of people that are allowed access into the lab," he said.

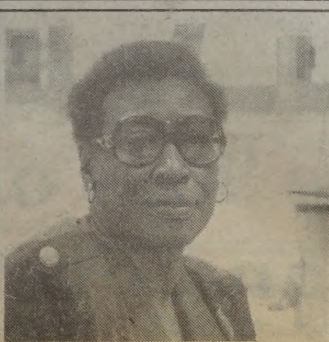


PHOTO BY SVEN COLE
Director of Multicultural Affairs
Dot Williams

"If your purpose was to undermine the work that is being done, you have not succeeded because I and other people on this campus are committed to our mission. I will not be your victim. I will not be silenced."

• Dr. Dot Williams, Director of Multicultural Student Affairs

That list is given to Security by the teacher of the course, he said.

"I've heard of other things being drawn, mainly in Jemery (Hall), but usually the cleaners have just wiped them off (and then reported them)."

Soons said the investigation has already begun. "Everyone that has been allowed into the building will be interviewed. As far as we know, there was no accessibility to the building, but there's always the issue of propped doors," he said.

Security has stepped up its surveillance since the incident. A propped door was found Friday in St. Edmund's Hall and five officers scanned the building for any intruders.

Dean of Students Michael Samara said that if someone is caught, the discipline process will be more direct.

He expressed disappointment at

the lack of resolution in prior incidents on campus.

Samara said a student who presents a "clear and present danger" to another member of the college community spent or dismissed.

"I do believe in due process," Samara said, "but if the safety of

known. People have been shocked and dismayed, some have cried, and I have gained strength from that," she said.

On Friday, Mike Samara sent a letter to every member of the St. Michael's community. It included this paragraph: "Although this inci-

dent appears to be isolated, it is an example of how cowardly and anonymous hatefulness can negatively impact our community."

Samara said, "I have read threats about myself in little squiggles on desks and in one full-scale drawing, (but) I've experienced them as a white male. When you put the

issue of race into such an experience, I felt I needed to do something to elicit some understanding towards Dot."

Samara said that his letter could cause a negative reaction. "There's always a danger because it gives this foolishness some credibility."

Both Williams and Samara expressed the need for this to be a "teachable moment."

"Every time we have an incident, we have a show of support for five minutes," Williams said. "It would be good if we could get more people to be more consistent in this mission (of diversity), especially student leadership."

Williams added, "If your purpose was to undermine the work that is being done, you have not succeeded because I and other people on this campus are committed to our mission. I will not be your victim. I will not be silenced."

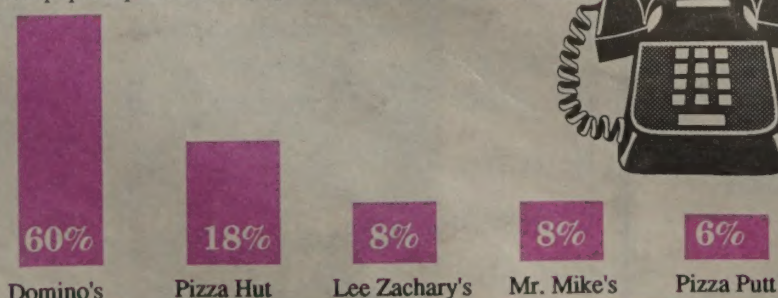
And I quote:

"AIDS is not just God's punishment for homosexuals; it is God's punishment for the society that tolerates homosexuals."

• Reverend Jerry Falwell
1993

A Slice of Life...

Most popular pizza delivery spots of St. Michael's Students...



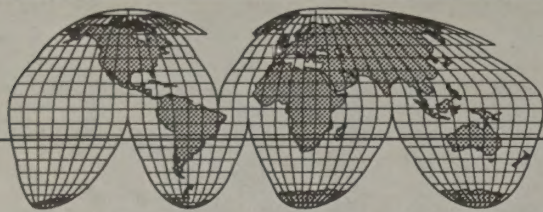
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In The News...



Aristide's return delayed

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti (AP) -- Haiti's military and civilian leaders met for three hours Monday, but there's no sign the nation is moving any closer to solving its political crisis.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Robert Malval says no agreement was reached on a key point: security for some Haitian lawmakers.

Military leader Raoul Cedras has said he'll quit and allow the return of ousted President Jean Bertrand Aristide, but only if parliament declares amnesty for the people who toppled Aristide.

Aristide's supporters in parliament are refusing to attend sessions scheduled this week because they fear for their safety.

Meantime the U.N.'s envoy for Haiti has put out an appeal to former world leaders. He is asking them to come to Haiti to provide "moral protection" for pro-Aristide legislators who are trying to return.

Croats accused of massacre

Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) -- Bosnian Croats accused of massacring Muslims north of Sarajevo prevented U.N. peacemakers from reaching the area Monday to investigate.

Government-run Bosnian radio accused Croat forces of killing about 80 villagers in Stupni Do on Saturday and taking about 120 others by truck to nearby Vares, a Croat controlled town. A Bosnian Croat radio service denied any killings or detentions.

Warlords Clash in Somalia

Mogadishu, Somalia (AP) -- It was a day of sniping attacks in Mogadishu.

The fighting began this morning. Supporters of Ali Mahdi Mohamed, who controls northern Mogadishu, tried to cross a dividing line into the stronghold of Mohamed Farrah Aidid, who controls the southern half.

The Ali Mahdi forces said they wanted to attend a peace rally. U.N. officials say ten people are known dead in the ensuing fighting.

Clinton revises health plan

Washington (AP) -- President Clinton will stand pat on most of his health reform proposals but will make some adjustments to satisfy complaints that the original draft was too bureaucratic and regulatory, White House officials say.

Clinton's health plan advisors planned to brief lawmakers, interest groups and the news media Tuesday on changes in the 1,600 page bill that the President and his wife will deliver to congress in a ceremony in Statuary hall on Wednesday.

'King of Horror' dies

Los Angeles (AP) -- Actor Vincent Price has died at the age of 82.

His personal assistant says Price died of lung cancer. Price played the perfect villain in such thrillers as "House of Wax", "The Pit and the Pendulum" and "The Raven".

Designer humans anyone?

Washington (AP) -- Suddenly, it seemed possible to ponder the imponderable: Could humans be copied and mass produced? Could parents one day choose designer embryos?

Fertility researcher Jerry Hall says his research cloning human embryos is all part of helping couples who can't have babies. But to some, it eerily echoes science fiction and crosses an ethical boundary. The Vatican branded his experiment "perverse". Hall says such far-fetched ideas as mass-producing humans may never be possible and certainly can't be done now.

-Campus Security Log-

*Security report from 10/01 to 10/18
Submitted by Cpl. David Macpeek*

10/01

7:50 p.m. - Assisted SMC rescue at Lyons hall, student with abdominal pains.

11:45 p.m. - Assisted RD at unregistered party on Johnson Ave.

10/02

12:53 a.m. Fire alarm Ryan hall.

1:23 a.m. Had Colchester police transport a non-student to ACT I.

8:18 p.m. Fire alarm Alumni hall.

10:05 p.m. Report of vehicle driving carelessly on the sidewalk of the 200's. Owner was issued a traffic ticket.

10/04

12:20 a.m. Assisted SMC Rescue at Alumni hall, student with cut hand.

9:55 a.m. Towed car out of doctor's space next to tennis court. Vehicle had numerous tickets.

4:59 p.m. Fire alarm St. Ed's.

10/05

1:15 p.m. Report of stolen property from Alliot hall.

1:53 p.m. Fire alarm Founders hall.

10/06

7:15 a.m. Report of stolen property from Sullivan hall.

3:45 p.m. Assisted UVM rescue at Ross Sports Center, leg injury.

10/07

9:13 p.m. Fuel oil leak in boiler room of Purtill hall.

10/09

12:05 a.m. Caught non-student exposing himself in the Ryan parking lot.

10/10

12:01 p.m. Report from non-student that his vehicle was broken into in the 300's parking lot.

12:57 p.m. Stolen bike report from outside Ryan hall.

10/11

1:00 a.m. Fire alarm Ryan hall.

2:36 a.m. Fire alarm Ryan hall.

5:40 p.m. Report of stolen property from Ross Sports Center.

10/14

7:41 a.m. Took report of stolen property from Ethan Allen Apts.

10/15

10:11 p.m. Assisted SMC rescue at Lyons hall, non-student with finger problem.

10/16

3:49 a.m. Fire alarm Hodson hall.

4:01 a.m. Report of vandalism to fire alarm equipment at Hodson.

4:17 a.m. Report of intoxicated students on the roof of the International Commons.

5:17 a.m. Discharged fire extinguisher complaint in the 100's.

11:39 p.m. Fire alarm Ryan hall.

10/17

3:39 a.m. Responded to the 400's for report of broken windows.

4:50 a.m. Report of stolen property from Alumni.

5:21 a.m. Transported intoxicated student to ACT I.

10:30 p.m. Assisted SMC rescue at Greensleeves for a student with a burnt hand.

10/18

Took stolen bike report from student at Joyce hall.

The 'kiss of Blarney' goes 18 and over once a week

By Melissa J. Chernesky
Staff Writer

The Blarney Stone, a Burlington watering hole popular with St. Michael's students will be opening its doors every Thursday night to the 18 and over crowd.

Co-owner Craig Bernadet said that they decided on the policy change because St. Mike's is a "big school and only 25-30 percent of the students can normally come down".

Bernadet was excited by the fact that the two crowds will be able to mix in a social environment. The bar will have to employ a larger staff to ensure that minors aren't accidentally served. Legal patrons will have to wear a non-removeable police bracelet on their right arm and under age patrons will have a mark on their left hand, Bernadet said.

Senior Ray Zamagni, a bartender at the Blarney Stone, said, "As a bartender I can prevent underage drinking. If people don't have a mark or a bracelet then obviously I

can't serve them, and if someone is ordering a lot of drinks and it appears to be for a minor then I won't serve them."

Bernadet said if a minor is caught drinking they will be thrown out for the night. "It is too bad that we will have to throw them out, but hopefully the next time if they want to drink it will be someplace else and then they can come here and have fun" said Bernadet.

Junior Tracie Healy, who isn't 21, believes that it is a very good idea. "By turning the Blarney 18

plus once a week, it creates an atmosphere where younger students can go to meet and integrate with older students," she said.

"I don't mind it because you get to see new faces and meet new people that you usually wouldn't," said Senior Chris McGill. McGill said his only complaint was that it might get a little overcrowded.

Bernadet said that if the bar reaches the limit, then a line will be formed outside and as one person goes out another will be let in.

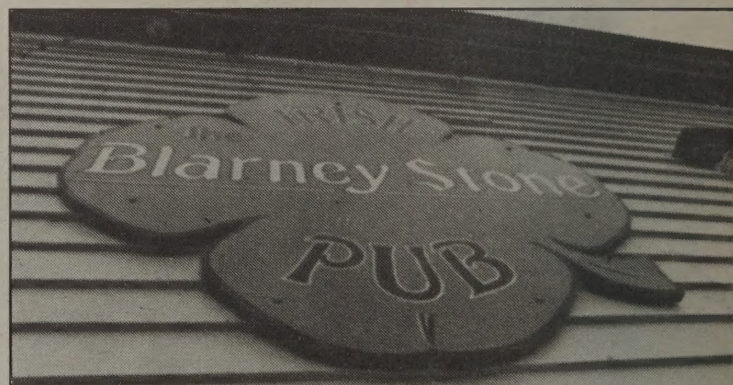


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St. Michael's legend ...

Freshmen dormitory home of gateway to Hell

By Pete Romanowski
Executive Editor

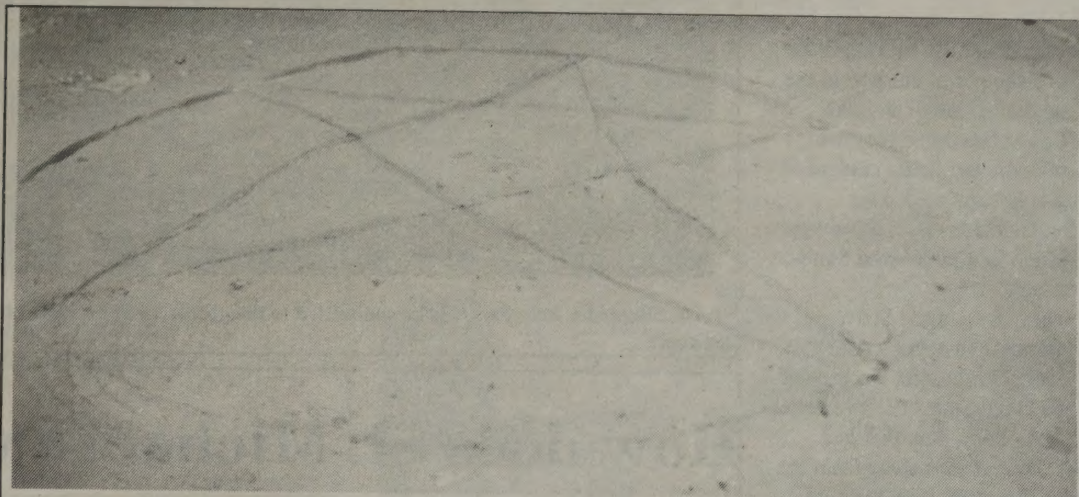
It's time to ask yourself what you believe in. Do you believe in Satan? The occult? Do you fear the unknown? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, St. Michael's may not be the place for you.

St. Michael's has had its share of unexplainable events, reportedly all stemming from the attic in Joyce Hall. There, where a pentagram is burned into the floor, Satanic rituals have taken place.

The pentagram, which is about six feet in diameter, is embedded into the concrete floor. Melted wax and white chalk outline the shape of the five-pointed star. "Satan dies with all those who enter" is inscribed near the opening of the attic.

The attic was the site of satanic rituals in years past. Legend has it that a cult formed in the 1960's and created a "medium" in which communication with the devil could be possible. Animal blood, extracted through sacrifice, stains the center of the circle.

"The original members of the cult would begin their rituals by opening a gateway to hell," said senior Nick Koman. "They would bring dead animals up there and use their blood as an offering to the devil. They would sit in robes and conduct their ceremonies."



IS THIS THE GATEWAY TO HELL?

PHOTO BY KEVIN PATTERSON

The small group of anti-Christians were detected one evening by the residence staff, Koman added. "They were busted right in the middle of the ceremony and were told to get out," he said. "They didn't get a chance to close the gates of hell, so I guess they're still open, that would explain a lot of the stuff that happens around here."

According to Koman, the students involved were expelled.

At the top of the pentagram, a cushion, supposedly belonging to an elder, still remains. It is believed that the elder would offer the souls of new worshipers present in the attic to Satan.

It is believed that a virgin was

sacrificed as a symbol of their loyalty to the underworld, although no former cult worshiper could be reached for comment.

• "The original members of the cult would begin their rituals by opening a gateway to Hell."

• Senior Nick Koman on the Joyce hall pentagram

Strange and unexplained events have happened to St. Michael's students in the past. According to an

October 1990 issue of *The Defender*, students have heard footsteps late at night and stereos have shut off for no apparent reason. Two freshmen in Joyce in 1990 tried to open their window one night and it felt as if it was sealed shut. Then, all of the sudden it flew open when they were standing six feet away.

Also, a letter was found in the second-floor lounge that was signed by "Death." When residents of the floor tried to burn the letter it would not catch fire.

Legend also says that cult members stole all of the crucifixes from fourth floor rooms and piled them up in the center of the pentagram. Today you can still see where the

crosses once were.

Two years ago, two students living in Joyce had out-of-body-experiences simultaneously. One of the students moved to Nicole Hall, where the Edmundite priests live. The other student left St. Michael's.

Legend has it that sometimes you can see lights on in the attic where the spirits are trying to close the gates.

"I always used to look for the lights after I heard about the rumors," continues Koman. "Every time I came back from the library I would look up at the metal grate to see if anyone was there, but I never saw anything."

"Then one day when me and my friends were having a snowball fight, I was running around the building and I happened to look up and I noticed the lights were on."

The only mysterious part about this is that there were no working lights on that side (north) of the building.

Craig Mitchell, a former Joyce resident assistant said that when he lived there, students would hear the showers running with no one in them. What's worse, he added, the showers would be bone dry.

Today the attic is locked. All efforts to remove the pentagram have reportedly failed.

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Ross Perot carries his revolutionary message to Burlington, takes aim against NAFTA

By Robin Palmer
Staff Writer

Ross Perot held a rally at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gym at 5 p.m. on Sunday. His hour-long speech of straightforward statements brought out about 2,000 people from area colleges and the general public.

Perot's focus was his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Perot stressed the need for jobs to stay here in the United States "and stop sending our best-paying jobs all over the world."

NAFTA is intended to join the United States, Mexico, and Canada into free-trade zone by eliminating tariffs, duties, and other trade barriers between the three countries allowing goods produced in North America to move freely across the continent.

Perot's rally began with song, cheer, and salutes to eight wounded soldiers who recently returned from Somalia, who Perot spoke with by phone for roughly fifteen minutes.

Some carried signs showing their support for Perot and almost all allowed their applause to fill the crowded gym that was alive with music. Perot focused particularly on Mexico, saying, "We're making Mexico the 51st state in this trade deal," he said, "except that they will have all of the benefits and none of the headaches."

Perot showed his disregard for the people of Mexico by talking about the environmental dangers NAFTA would pose. "In Mexico you pump it in the air, pump it in the water, or dig a hole," Perot said in regard to the cleanliness of

Mexico.

Perot added that Mexico is the primary shipper of cocaine to the United States. Mexican folks don't make anything, they are cheap labor, and their standard of living is low, he said. This agreement deals major advantages to Mexico, not the United States, Perot said.

"They (the United States government) have got a deal they can't sell," Perot said. The people of the United States deserve better than NAFTA, a plan that just sends the best jobs away from the United States, he said. "We've turned our house over to government and now we're living in an apartment above the garage," Perot said.

The United States needs to make products here and receive the same trade deals that they give to others, to improve or at least maintain the United States once prosperous but now only decent standard of living, Perot said.

The United States has made a series of the dumbest trade agreements, Perot said. Taxes are high and they are going to get higher, and jobs are hard to find, he said. College students are doing the work high school students or high school dropouts, used to do, and 1993 college graduates with bachelor's degrees were the largest number ever to not find jobs, Perot said.

"What I am saying is that we're spending our children's money" Perot said.

The United States needs to put up signs in Washington saying "not for sale at any price," Perot said.



Texas billionaire Ross Perot: Is he committed to the people, or is his wallet thicker than his skin?

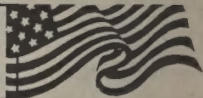
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How does St. Michael's vote ?

Democrat - 35%



Independent - 30%



Republican - 20%



Unaffiliated-15%

(compiled by Robin Palmer)

College Republicans working to change their campus image

By Jessica Zarbo
Staffwriter

The Saint Michael's, College Republicans, or CR's, are trying to change their image on campus. By attending outside organizations' presentations, the CR's hope to show a different point of view, said CR Chairman Robert Kilareski.

Although this is an off year, the CR's are participating in a wide range of activities, Kilareski said. They are attending the Diversity Coalition Rap Session, attempting to sponsor their own speaker, and participating in the

Republican Neighborhood. They are willing to attend any event where they can learn and also present their Republican point of view, he said.

"People see us as closeminded and strongly opinionated," said Vice Chairman Tom Mealey. Other CR's share similar opinions with Mealey. "I had never heard anything good about the Republicans," said junior and current CR member Paula Grummett. That is something that the CR's would like to change. "We would like show people that we are a group of diverse opinions," Kilareski said.

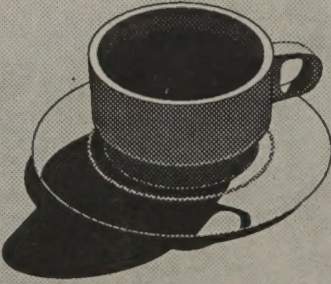
This year for the first time the CR's are participating in the Re-

publican Neighborhood, a nationwide town meeting. This occurs on the first Tuesday of every month, and is not limited to just this campus, Kilareski said.

Members of the CR's have also started attending the Diversity Coalition Rap Session. "I highly encourage people to attend the Rap Session," Kilareski said. The Diversity Coalition has even asked the CR's to take part in the rap session by sponsoring a speaker.

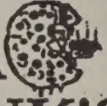
The College Republicans meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the upper lounge of Alliot, and they welcome new members, Kilareski said.

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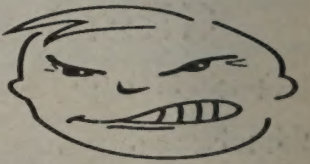
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Westernmost entrance to college closed, Security concerned for safety of students

By Jake Mosher
Staff Writer

Concrete barricades have replaced the wooden saw horses blocking Saint Michael's westernmost entrance on Route 15.

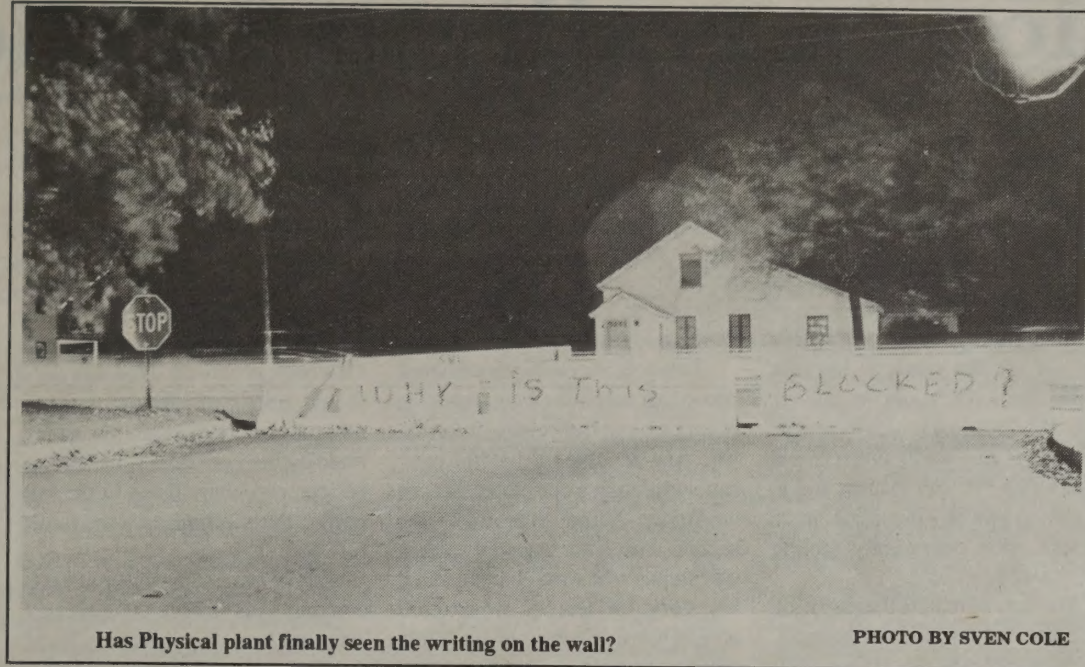
"People kept moving the saw horses," Tim Pedrotty, head of the college's Physical Plant said. "I think there were two accidents involving cars turning into the college. The concrete makes a much better barrier."

Peter Soons, head of Saint Michael's Security, said he knew of one accident on October 12 but said he was unaware of any others.

"Cars coming east over the rise (from Winooski) can't stop in time if someone is trying to make a left into the college," said Soons. "It's dangerous."

Soons and Pedrotty agreed the entrance was never intended to be used as such. Pedrotty said it's only purpose was to serve as an exit during times when large numbers of cars filled the parking lots for special events.

In a contract with the state, the college agreed to place a chain across



Has Physical plant finally seen the writing on the wall?

PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

the "curb cut," Pedrotty said. Saw horses and concrete have been used instead because chains can be difficult to see and pose a threat to cyclists and motorists, he added.

Soons said he hasn't given any thought to making the curb cut an "exit only" for the college and Pedrotty said the state would not be in

favor of this.

"It would be hard to keep cars from turning in as well as going out," Pedrotty explained. He said in view of the new traffic light at the college's west entrance in front of the Bagel Factory, another exit wasn't necessary.

"The state did a very good thing

when it put in the left turn lane and light there," Pedrotty said. Last year cars wishing to turn into the college from the east bound lanes of Vermont 15 had to wait for a break in traffic. The new left turn arrow on the traffic light is a better set up, Pedrotty said.

The campus road, or as students

call it the "Autobahn," which runs behind the Ross Sports Center to the east entrance, will open as soon as construction on the field house is completed, Pedrotty said. The road has been closed all fall because construction vehicles cross it frequently, he added.

When the campus road opens, students will be able to travel from one entrance to the other without getting on Vermont 15. In the meantime, trying to negotiate a car through the new Ross parking lots can be confusing.

"I don't go in there much, but I've gotten absolutely lost when I do," senior Mike Ryan said. "It's a little confusing."

Ryan said he doesn't understand why the curb cut couldn't be used as a right turn exit out to Vermont 15.

"If cars could only turn right, it would eliminate having to wait for someone making a left turn out of the parking lot at the light," he said.

Right turning cars often get blocked by vehicles waiting to turn left onto Vermont 15. When the road work was done during the summer, only one exit lane was established.

Volunteers Needed:

Saturday, November 6 and Saturday, November 13:

- at the IGA's in Winooski and Colchester: to help with handing out flyers to shoppers about the SHARE bins to help hungry Vermonters. Preferably a time commitment of 2-4 hours on each day.

- at the Abanaki Self-Help Organization in Swanton, VT: help clean up site and have the opportunity to learn about the Abanaki culture and the issues facing Vermont's largest group of Native American residents. Bus will leave SMC at 9 a.m. and will return at 4 p.m. - lunch and t-shirts provided.

Ongoing Projects:

- at Champlain Valley Union High School: reading tutor needed between 12:45 - 2:30 any one day of the week.

- at the Assessor's office in Burlington: help with city-wide reappraisal process, help answer phones, assist walk-ins, daily mailing, filing, data entry.

- at the Discovery Museum: help children with hands on learning. 2-4 hour commitment each month. Receive a free membership!

- at the Humane Society: help clean and feed dogs and cats. 7-9 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

** For more information on these or other volunteer projects, stop by the M.O.V.E. office in Alliot or call 654-2674. **

Students work for justice through Amnesty International

By Rebecca Plante
Staffwriter

Amnesty International works to promote human rights worldwide.

"People are not aware of the intensity of other people's situations outside the plastic bubble of St. Michael's College" said Heather Mazza of the 25 person group.

The group meets monthly to discuss human rights violations that call for urgent action. Members then sign form letters that are sent to government officials in hopes to persuade them to correct

the situation.

Last month the group focused its attention on South Africa. A 14-year-old-boy was killed in school by a police officer when he and other students attempted to form a student council said chairperson Jan Heitcamp.

The group sent letters to South Africa's officials questioning the violent actions of the police.

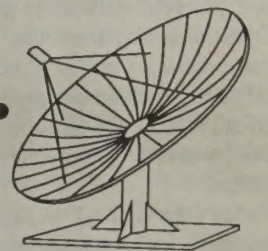
Daniela Manago, the group chairperson said that the group will set up a Tree of Hope this holiday season. The Christmas tree outside of Alliot Hall will be decorated with

ornaments that each represent a Christmas card mailed by a St. Michael's student to a political prisoner. Manago said that the tree will act as a visual reminder of those who are being held because of their beliefs.

The group receives it's crisis information from the A.I. office in Boston. Several members of the St. Michael's group will represent the college this April at the A.I. convention held there.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 4 in St. Ed's 109. All students are encouraged to attend.

In other news...



• The 1993-94 budget passed with little debate at the Student Association's October 5 meeting.

Director of the finance committee Mike Manna said he was "pleased the budget passed but disappointed people didn't follow up with their complaints."

Manna was referring to the S.A. meeting when the budget was first proposed. Several people had voiced concerns over the issue of stipends.

No complaints were brought

to the meeting when the budget was voted on. One student said, "If anyone has a problem with the budget, they should speak now." The budget passed almost unanimously.

• The S.A. has unanimously approved The Rathskellar renovation Project. Some of the new features are comfortable couches, a magazine rack, a new jukebox, a moveable television, and a free pool table.

The new Rat will be open from 10 a.m. to midnight as a free social lounge area. Renovations will take place over Christmas vacation.

• The M.O.V.E. office had its annual Senior Prom on October 15

Senior citizens from the surrounding area danced the night away with a King and Queen crowned at the end of the evening. The event was attended by over 40 students and 40 seniors.

• St. Michael's announces the opening of the Center for Psychological services to serve the local community. Sponsored by the SMC graduate psychology program, the center offers outpatient mental health services to the local community while providing training to Saint Michael's graduate psychology students.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Perception vs. reality at St. Michael's

Did you ever notice how different St. Michael's is from the way that you imagined it after you had been accepted here? For better or worse, the college is not what the viewbook portrays.

This thought occurred to me while I was posing for some viewbook photos last week (actually, I was "milling" in the background) -- watching a totally random (but good-looking) bunch of students have their pictures taken in places where they would never normally be found together.

It wasn't the staging of the photos that bothered me, but the principle behind it all. St. Michael's prides itself on being a college of diversity -- diversity of ideas, diversity of education, diversity of races and cultures. But having a

group of diverse students and having diversity on campus are two different things.

The truth is that we are the most comfortable with people that are like us. That's one of the reasons that St. Michael's has such a sense of "community" - we all believe that we are the same, at least on some level, for going to college here. And while it is nice to be able to say "hi" to a lot of students and teachers on the way to class and to be able to join any organization on campus, that community feeling only extends so far.

We have to realize that there are differences among us, and these differences tend to be more of a boundary line than a unifying force at St. Michael's. What should be an asset is being used as a tool of separatism,

promoting an "us vs. them" kind of thinking.

Face it -- American students and international students do not usually socialize, African-American and white students usually remain separate, and groups of "like" students can be seen all over campus.

Two specific incidents this week prove that we have a long way to go before we can truly claim diversity. The first involved a hateful message written in a classroom against an African-American professor, the second with a homosexual student on campus who was reluctant to tell his story for fear of what those around him might think or do. While these are certainly isolated incidents, they are probably not unique.

How can we call St. Michael's a community if its faculty and stu-

dents are attacked or feel unsafe on campus? A community is a place where everyone in it feels at home - is that true here?

Personally, I have loved St. Michael's from the first day that I came here in September of 1990, and I found it to be better than the viewbook promised. That was easy for me, since I was like almost every other student on this campus: white, middle-class, and Irish. But for some people, especially those in the minority, those promises were never fulfilled.

Part of our responsibility to this community is to work to ensure that everyone here, (not just those "like" us) feels safe and at home. And it is not enough to be happy and to wait for "the other guy" to do something about it.

This isn't about race or culture or sexual orientation, it's about basic respect for others. It's time to think about every person on this campus as an individual, and to work to encourage this individuality.

And believe it or not, it isn't that hard. Little things like not making racist or homophobic jokes (or not laughing when others do) or not thinking in terms of "us" and "them" can make a big difference.

The same is true of taking the time to speak with an international student or underclassmen that you have never met -- you would be surprised what you can learn.

And who knows? With a little effort from all of us, St. Michael's can become the diverse community of individuals that we were promised as freshmen. - j.a.k.



Dave Landers

From the Student Resource Center

Issues and You



Jyoti Danieri

What's in a name?

Labels are for soup cans, not people

The dictionary describes the word "label" as a descriptive word or identifying phrase. What the dictionary doesn't tell us is the impact which labels can have when applied to people.

A few weeks ago there was a fight downtown in one of the bars. Students from another school were involved with some of our students. When this fight was described to me, however, there were no names used, only labels -- rugby players.

That particular story was not true - while some members of the Springfield Rugby team were involved, St. Michael's rugby players were not. One of the students involved was taken to the hospital. When I was told about this incident by a staff person and I asked who went to the hospital, I was told "a rugby player" -- not the name of a person, a real live human being, but just a label.

So what's the big deal? Well, the reality is that last year members of the SMC Rugby Club made significant changes in behavior in an attempt to change an image tarnished by years of, shall we say "unacceptable behavior." Those changes have been carried forward by this year's club and as a result of mature thinking and behavior, the Rugby Club received full recognition from the Student Association.

This club, like other teams and organizations, is made up of individuals who come together for a common purpose. They have worked hard to make individual members of the club responsible for their own behavior, thereby creating a much better image and set of behaviors for the entire club.

We hear labels all the time and the price we pay for using them as "a descriptive word or identifying phrase" is that we depersonalize human beings. Fat, thin, roid head, jock, gay, straight, African-American, international, Asian, nerd, white, crunchie, faculty, administration (I love this one -- "THE administration says..."), Dead Head, hockey player, Jesus freak, one of "those," res. life, etc. etc.... the list goes on and on.

Not only do we depersonalize each other by using these labels, we also attach a whole set of preconceived ideas of how that person is going to act. In addition, we also give ourselves a chance not to interact with someone because we think that they fit into this set of behaviors or this group of people we wouldn't like.

I am not talking about political correctness here, I am merely suggesting that each one of us think about how we feel when we are lumped together and denied the right of our own individuality. If we all think of that the next time we are inclined to use one of these labels, we might just change the way that we treat the people around us.

And who knows? If we take the risk of actually interacting with someone we had previously labeled, we might just find a new friend.

HPV: the 'newest' STD

Students encouraged to be tested, seek counseling for disease

Unfortunately, a new sexually transmitted disease is "up and at 'em," and it's called HPV: Human Papillomavirus. HPV is one of the fastest spreading venereal diseases among college students and is certainly to be found among college students here at St. Michael's.

HPV is a family of at least 60 viruses, of which one-third cause genital problems that affect both men and women, according to a publication by the American College Health Association (ACHA). These genital problems include 1) genital warts, and 2) cell changes that are especially significant if found on the female cervix, which can lead to the development of a precancerous condition.

Genital warts are one kind of lesion caused by HPV and can be found on the penis, vagina, vulva, or cervix. Unfortunately, these warts are often not visible to the eye, which makes it impossible to know whether an individual is infected or not.

The cervical cell changes are another kind of lesion associated with HPV. They can result in precancerous conditions in women. The ACHA publication states that while "...only a small number of cases will become cancerous, ...it is impossible to predict which will progress to the cancerous stage, ...so all cases must be treated."

Treatment for HPV varies but most treatments cause temporary pain or discomfort. The lesions are often removed by the use of laser surgery, liquid nitrogen or trichloroacetic acid, all of which "burn" the lesions off.

HPV is spread through genital, oral, and anal sexual contact. Unfortunately, condoms and nonoxynol-9 do not always protect against genital warts because if there are warts on the scrotum or parts of the vulva which are not covered by the condom, transmission to the other partner can occur.

Safer sex is certainly a necessary precaution to lower your risk of contracting HPV, however. Having both you and your partner checked for HPV as well as other STD's (including AIDS) before you become sexually intimate is essential.

If you or your partner or friend have been diagnosed with HPV and are in need of someone to talk to, please do not hesitate contact Dave, Linda or myself for a confidential session.

If you have any further question about HPV, contact the Student Health Center or Vermont Department's Venereal Disease Hotline toll-free at 1-800-244-7639.

Letters to the Editor



N.R.A. misinterprets the second amendment

Bravo to Governor Jim Florio for calling for national legislation banning assault weapons in his recent testimony before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

The vast majority of Americans do not understand the meaning or application of the Second Amendment. The National Rifle Association (NRA) sedulously fosters misinterpretation of the amendment and one must conclude intentionally publishes such information since its high-priced counsel surely knows better.

The full text of the Second Amendment reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged."

The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken many times. In the United States *vs.* Cruockshank (1876) 92 U.S. 542, the court held that the right of bearing arms for lawful purposes is not a right granted by the Constitution. Lower courts held that the amendment was designed only to foster a well-regulated militia as necessary to the security of a free state.

The right to keep and bear arms is not a right given by the U.S. Constitution. [Eckert *vs.* Philadelphia (1973) 477 Fed. 2nd 610 Cert. Den. 414 U.S. 839.] It is not an

absolute right since constitutional protection extends only to situations having some "reasonable relationship" to the efficiency of a well-regulated militia. [State *vs.* Rupp 1979 (Iowa) 282 NW 2nd 125]

The Second Amendment is a limitation only on the power of Congress and the national government and not upon that of a state. [Presser *vs.* Illinois (1886) 116 U.S. 252] The amendment is to be read as an assurance that the national government will not interfere with a state's militia. Beyond this, Congress is not prohibited by the amendment from regulating firearms by the exercise of its interstate commerce powers. [Commonwealth *vs.* Davis (1976) 369 Mass. 886]

The right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment applies only to the right of a state to maintain its militia and not to an individual's right to bear arms. [Stevens *vs.* U.S. (1971) (Kentucky) 440 Fed. 2nd 144]

No federal court has ever held that the Second Amendment confers on the individual a right to bear arms. The courts have consistently adopted that "well-regulated militia" interpretation. All legislative measures and city ordinances limiting or banning firearms have been upheld including a Morton Grove, Illinois ordinance prohibiting possession of handguns within municipi-

pal boundaries.

The California law on assault weapons was upheld through the appeals court level and the National Rifle Association has abandoned plans to bring that measure before the Supreme Court. The NRA is aware, of course, that were it to lose and appeal to the highest court, it would put the quietus on its fundamental contention that the Constitution grants the individual the right to bear arms. As to that contention, the American Bar Association has said:

"In addition to the four occasions which the Supreme Court has construed the Second Amendment, every federal court decision has

given that amendment a collective, militia interpretation and/or held that firearm control laws enacted under a State's police power are constitutional. This, the arguments premised on the Second Amendment or similar provisions of 37 State constitutions, have never prevented the regulation of firearms."

A ban on assault weapons is not only constitutional but studies show that it would also be effective. A study by the Cox Newspaper group analyzed 43,000 gun traces of weapons used in criminal activity in 1988 and 1989. An assault gun was found to be 20 times more likely to be used in a crime than a conventional firearm. While accounting for only .5

percent of all guns, assault weapons showed up on 10 percent of all traces.

The argument has been made that criminals get their guns illegally, so why target legal sales? In 1989 the Oakland Police Department found that only 12 percent of assault weapons seized in criminal activity were obtained illegally. Fully 88 percent of them were bought legally over the counter.

The point is: we must dry up the supply as much as possible. Many weapons that begin as legal sales get into criminal hands.

Jim Senyszyn
Highland Park, NJ

Why are we killing the Somalis?

There is a point on any military mission where its original intent becomes secondary, if not irrelevant. This occurs after the politicians and others who sent the soldiers off have had their say. It is also after the well-meaning (and self-serving) cheerleaders in the government and media, having laid the groundwork, can then only fund, report, and rationalize what the army is doing -- which is usually killing and dying in order to survive.

The United States is dangerously close to such a threshold in Somalia. There is no longer even a

pretense of humanitarianism occurring in that ravaged African country. Hundreds of Somalis have been killed by troops from the U.S. and elsewhere. Additionally, dozens of soldiers under the U.N. command have lost life and limb.

Yet, the government keeps the military there. In fact it continues to send more troops. They have yet to give us a reason for it, either. Surely there are strategic interests involved -- we cannot ignore Somalia's proximity to Iran and Iraq -- probably even economic ones as well. (Conoco, in whose corporate headquarters the U.S. command is lo-

cated, owns 70 % of the oil rights in the country.) Still, the questions remains: why are we killing those who we supposedly want to save?

The troops should come home now. Before the policymakers begin to rationalize our continued escalation in the name of some mythical honor. Or, even worse, to "justify" the deaths of those who went before. With all due respect to the dead and wounded in the last wars, if not because of them, such a rationale rings exceedingly hollow.

Ron Jacobs
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Public service announcement misinforms

I have recently heard a public service announcement about AIDS on local radio that contained some misinformation. I am writing this letter to help clarify some of the issues.

The woman on the radio spot says that abstinence from IV drug use and from penetrative sex is the only 100 percent effective way to prevent transmission of the AIDS virus. So far so good.

She also says that proper use of condoms has been proven to reduce dramatically the risk of transmitting the virus, which is also true.

Where the spot is erroneous, however, is in her advice, "Outside of a long-term, monogamous rela-

tionship, condoms should always be used during sexual intercourse." Just because two people have been going out for 3 months or 6 months (she does not define "long-term") and have pledged monogamy to one another does not mean they can relax in their vigilance against the AIDS virus.

The only way to be sure that neither partner is infected is for each one to have an HIV test, and then to have follow up tests 6-9 months later. If the results are negative, and if there is a high level of trust that neither partner is engaging in risky behavior, then and only then should they engage in unprotected sex.

Even a marriage licence means

nothing to the HIV virus; I know a woman who worked with me in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps who died of AIDS transmitted to her by her husband.

I write all of this not to frighten people away from sex, because after all, there is plenty of sexual activity that does not involve penetration, and therefore poses no risk for transmitting the AIDS virus. I write this letter because I care deeply about the students at St. Michael's, and I want you to have information on this subject that is as clear and accurate as possible.

Dr. Jeffrey Trumbower
religious studies professor

Crossing the red thread to AIDS awareness

A friend once told me of an old Chinese belief that there is a fine red thread that invisibly connects us to others. He described it as a thread of spirit -- uninterrupted by time or place.

I couldn't help but think of that thread as I stood in the Chandler Gallery last week. I was surrounded by panels from the Names Project's AIDS memorial quilt. The quilt's

panels have been on display in the Old Randolph Music Hall throughout October, the month of HIV and AIDS Awareness.

Each panel was an epitaph of love for a brother, sister, child, lover, mother, father, or friend. Each, an expression of heart in artistic form that ranged from the very simple to the ornate with equally varied quilted complexity. And while I overheard

someone remark, "how different they all are," I had been moved by the their similarity and by the threads they held in common.

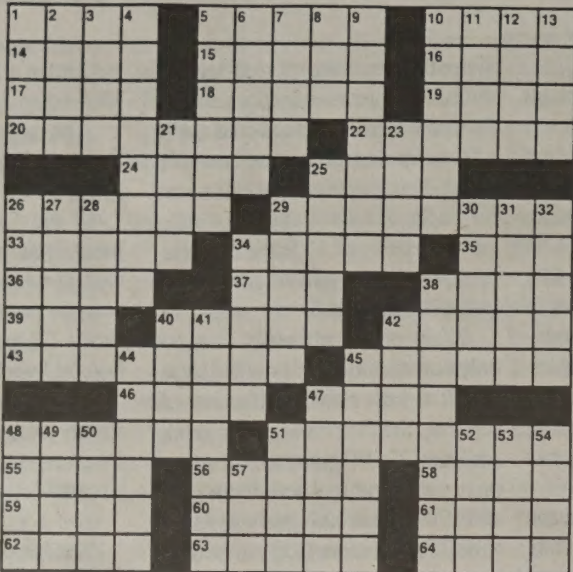
As I left, I tacked a red ribbon to my jacket as a symbol of AIDS Awareness, but I wear it in the spirit of the red thread that connects us all.

Jamie McGuin
SMC Health Education

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 - 26 On land
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 - 33 Small opening
 - 34 Quick bread
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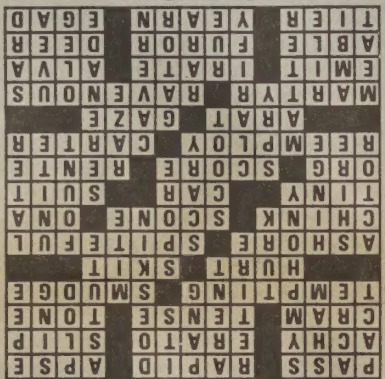


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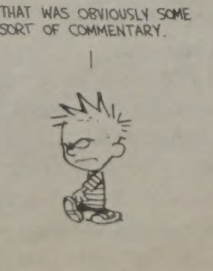
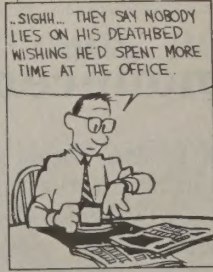
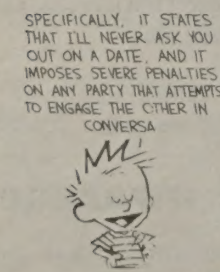
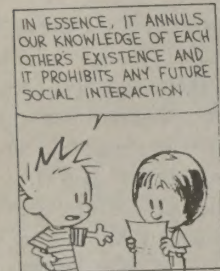
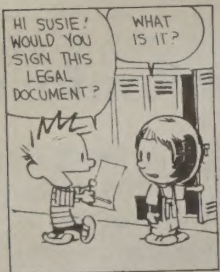
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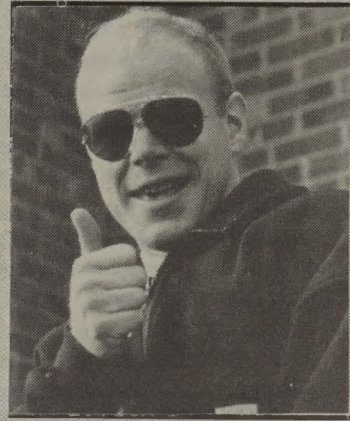
by Bill Watterson



There will never be another "C.H.i.P's"

"11-15 -7 Mary 3 and 4 responding..."

By Chris Hermann Columnist



Chris as Ponch

I think there is a big problem facing the world of television today.

No, it's not the violence or gratuitous sex that plagues our everyday immoral world. And it's not those repetitive weekly sitcoms that make us just occasionally chuckle with empty emotionless glee that aren't really that funny anyway. Simply, television today lacks the emotional passion that it once had.

That problem of course never existed back in the hey-day of the award winning series "CHiP's".

Ponch and John wheeling in on their revved up Kawasaki motorcycles and saving the day by thwarting the evil-doers from committing felonies was more than some could handle. No, they were no ordinary heroes, they were just the greatest symbols of hope and protection that a city law enforcement agency could ever look for.

Most easily said, officers Frank Poncherello and John Baker were the coolest cops to ever ride.

They were brave handsome young men, born in an age of nobility, honor, and class. Gallantry was their code and bell-bottoms were their fashion. Immortals in the world of justice, and fashion plates in the world of cheesiness, these two men epitomized what the seventies meant to our civilization.

Who could ever forget Ponch saving little Timmy's life or John

in a tender moment with a young damsel in distress. I know I could.

Ponch and John rode proud. Week to week, they were living proof that people with little or no acting skills could make it in the world of a prime-time action-drama series.

I get a tear in my eyes every time I hear that magical upbeat tune that used to start off the show. That mid-seventies funk beat is something that you really can't get out of your mind too easily now can you?

To the average crime fighter, these men in gold were dauntless in the face of danger. With a swift blow from Ponch's nightstick or a crushing leg drop by John, the city's hooligans knew they had been defeated.

And there was no useless violence or dull plot scripts. No utility belts, no capes. These men were real. The shiny police badges, the polished .38 special Baker handled so proudly, and the little red lights on the bike that Ponch liked to flash

so much were just small pieces of the picture that made these two super-cops who they were. Ponch and John didn't hide behind a mask - a safety helmet with a chin strap maybe, but no masks. Bernie Fifewould even be proud of these lawful do-gooders.

Other shows didn't have the good wholesome moral fiber that this show had. Not only was a lesson learned each day by breakers of the law, but a joke was always sure to follow after a courageous and acoustically pleasing chase scene.

And we can't forget Grossman either. His portly character brought a laughable quality to that police department normally never seen. It makes me want to just go to Dunkin Donuts and have one for good old Grosse. Of course, I'll probably have to wait in line because the rest of the law enforcement in this state are their too filling up on crullers and honey-glazed. (They must be in mourning too because the show is gone.)

Avengers of justice and defenders of disco, these men will live in infamy, have the lifespan of plaid, and forever be immortalized in reruns that are only found on a few Canadian channels.

And why you ask was this show so special? No real reason. It's just the only thing on before Bob Barker reminds you to have your pets spayed or neutered on the "The Price is Right" at eleven. You need something to fill the day, don't you?



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FEATURES

Alum uses craft creatively

By Kristen Gleason
Staff Writer

Walking through the St. Michael's bookstore, a shopper is surrounded by St. Michael's sweatshirts, knapsacks, pens and other college necessities. A new addition has been added to this collection.

A variety of cards featuring various different black and white photographs are now being sold in the bookstore. There are some cards depicting photographs from Europe and others from the St. Michael's campus.

These cards are the creation of Rob O'Neil, a 1992 graduate of St. Michael's.

O'Neil was a business major at St. Michael's where he took a photojournalism class his senior year, he said. "That's when I caught the bug," said O'Neil.

After graduation, O'Neil worked several jobs which included playing in a band in the Boston area.

The Westford, Mass. native returned to the Burlington area and worked as a ski instructor. He is currently employed at McAuliffe Office Systems, where he sells fax machines and copiers.

During a monthlong stay in Europe last April, O'Neil took a lot of photographs. After that trip, he decided to make them into cards and sell them.

"I'm still new at this. I'm still going through the motions of buying and selling them," he said.



PHOTO BY ROB O'NEIL

One of the photographs that makes up O'Neil's series of greeting cards, which are sold in the St. Michael's bookstore. St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College

O'Neil said he decided to photograph the St. Michael's campus because students are always looking for things like that to send home. The college decided to buy the cards and sell them in the bookstore.

In an effort to make more money, O'Neil presented a proposal to St. Michael's to use the cards for administrative purposes. If St. Michael's accepts his proposal, the

cards will be used for letters to prospective students and thank-you notes.

O'Neil will present similar ideas to other area colleges such as the University of Vermont and Middlebury.

"Being a St. Michael's graduate helped me get my foot in the door," said O'Neil.

Many St. Michael's graduates

have returned to the college to work. The admissions staff is made up primarily St. Michael's alumni, according to Jacki Murphy, Director of Admissions.

Three 1993 graduates, including Amy Reuben, John Drake, and Alexis Sherard, have recently started working as admission counselors, said Murphy.

The Development office has also

hired many alumni, said Deb Johns, Director of Alumni Relations.

"When a graduate comes looking for a job at St. Michael's, it shows loyalty and is looked favorably on," said Johns.

O'Neil pointed out that by hiring alumni, St. Michael's shows it feels confident its graduates have received good job preparation at the college and would be valuable employees.

Gambling, SMC style



PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

Students discover that "Casino Night" at Friday Night Dry is a good deal

'Virtual Reality'

By Lora Cecca
Staff Writer

Alliot Hall resembled a scene from an '80s science fiction flick. Eerie synthesized music played in the background as a person, equipped with heavy eye and ear head gear and sporting a hand control gun, spun on top of a circular platform.

Students and faculty members lined up in Alliot Hall, last Wednesday, to explore the world of "Virtual Reality," a game which immerses its participants in a computer-generated environment.

Virtual Reality "is an attempt to use computers and technology in

order to create an environment that seems real but doesn't really exist," David Goodwin, assistant director of academic computing, explained. "It uses headphones to give 3-D vision and audio and controllers to manipulate things. As you spin your body, your view shifts."

Jenny Cernosia, director of student activities, said she organized the event because it has been very popular at other colleges and to promote Alcohol-Free Activity Week.

Participants did not have to pay to experience "Virtual Reality." The Student Association absorbed the \$3,000 cost of what Cernosia called one of St. Michael's most successful programs.

Happy Halloween



from the Defender staff

CAMPUS SPEAKS:

Do you believe in ghosts?
Why or why not?



"I believe in good ghosts, because I'm Caspar's biggest fan."

• Maryellen Daly
Sophomore

"Why, yes."

• Frank
Freshman



"No, I've had abnormal experiences, but no paranormal experiences."

• E.J. Murphy
Senior



"Yes, because I'm Casper's biggest fan"

• Karen Jeffrey
Junior



"Yes, because Herman told me so and we all know whatever Herman says is gospel."

• Paul Tagley
Junior



Halloween Calendar

The threat of being at home with nothing to do is possibly the scariest thing on Halloween weekend. Halloween is supposed to be fun, so get out and have a good time! Here is a sample of Halloween events scheduled at St. Michael's College, the University of Vermont, and other locations around Burlington this weekend:

October 27 (Wednesday)
Pumpkin Decorating

Rathskeller From 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Prize for most creative pumpkin
Faculty and Staff only
(St. Michael's College)

October 28 (Thursday)
Haunted Coffee Hour and

CC Theatre : 7p.m.,
9 p.m., midnight

Movie: The Shining

(The University of Vermont)

October 29 (Friday)

Ira Allen Chapel 8 p.m.

Theater: Tales for a Dark Night

Admission: \$3 with UVM I.D.
\$6 to public

Information: 656-2060

(The University of Vermont)

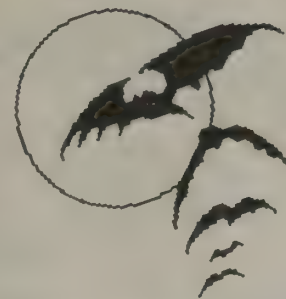
Mid-Knight Madness

Ross Sports Center: 10:45p.m.-
12:30a.m.

Preview of Lady Knights Basketball Team
Shooting Contests and Carnival Games

Admission with costume-- \$1
Admission without costume-- \$2

First 75 ghouls win a free T-Shirt



DJ Dance Night

Cook Commons 10 p.m.

(The University of Vermont)

Movie: Dracula

CC Theatre
7p.m., 9:30 p.m. midnight

(The University of Vermont)

Trick or Treating

St. Joseph's Hall 7:30-9:30 p.m.

(St. Michael's College)

Halloween Party

Salmon Hall 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Prize for best costume

Admission: 50 cents with costume
\$1 without costume

(St. Michael's College)

Halloween Hauntings

Edmunds School 9 p.m.

Donations: \$5-10

Prizes for best female and male
drag costumes

Sponsored by Vermont Gay/

Lesbian/ Bisexual Alliance

(Main Street in Burlington)

October 30 (Saturday)

Scary Movies

Senior Hall Beginning at 3 p.m.

(St. Michael's College)

Annual Halloween Dance

Ross Sports Center 9 p.m.-1a.m.

Admission: \$3

Prize for best costume

Sponsored by Student Activities

(St. Michael's College)

Movie: Psycho

CC Theatre 7p.m.,

9:30 p.m., and midnight

(The University of Vermont)

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones

Burlington Memorial

Auditorium 8 p.m.

Halloween Dance Party

Admission: \$14.50

Sponsored by WNCS

(Burlington)

Halloween Party

Rathskeller 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

21-years old and over

(St. Michael's College)

October 31 (Sunday)

Haunted Forest

Green Mountain

Audubon Center 2:30- 4:30

Admission: \$6.75

Buses will leave Alliot Student
Center at 1:30 p.m.

(St. Michael's College)

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Reviews

Appearances can be deceiving

By Meri Elizabeth Fulchino
Staff Writer

Signs which read: "free cider and food samples," or "pick your own apples," should never be taken literally.

At least not at Cold Hollow Cider Mill in Waterbury. The little place looked busy, which in most cases, is a sign of good business. Not in this case. As I entered the main building, I was greeted with the sweet smell of hot cider...and the sound of screaming children. I pushed my way through the blockade of people at the cider stand which was brilliantly placed to one side of the front entrance, preventing anyone from passing through.

Once I passed the herd, I came upon some beautiful handmade crafts hidden away in the back of the room. They had everything from dried flowers to ceramic figurines, they even had some beautiful quilts. However, after glancing at the prices, I decided they all looked better right where they were.

I was then ushered by the mob to the cider room. The crowds were so eager for the free cider at the end of the tour that no one really paid attention. The tour ended just as quickly as it started.

I then decided that it wasn't



Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Waterbury, Vermont

PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

anything about the mill itself that interested anyone, it was the free food samples at the end of every line. It was time to move on, but not before tasting the famous Cabot cheese.

I entered the other building directly across from the first, and found something the other building did not have...silence. The only souls around were the cashiers, and it is no wonder why. Inside the

crafts and foods (not to mention prices) were similar to those in the previous building, only in this case, the theme was Christmas. Not to rain on their parade or anything, but we haven't even reached Halloween yet and they are gearing up for Christmas? Am I missing something here? I was disappointed.

Hoping that picking apples would brighten my mood, I made my way to the door. After following

the signs which said "pick your own apples," I came upon the parking lot, but there wasn't a tree in sight. I walked around aimlessly, refusing to admit that I had misread the directions, when some-

thing caught my eye. I had noticed the crates when I first got there, but thought nothing of it until now. On the crates were magic marker signs giving each apple's name. There were several huge crate full of "drops," which are apples that have fallen to the ground on their own. Allow me to be blunt. The crate marked "drops" looked exactly like any other crate in that lot. The apples were rotted, soft and even half-eaten. I would never call that "apple-picking."

My idea of "apple-picking" is (call me ancient) climbing a tree, picking the best looking apples off the tree and eating a few before anyone notices. At Cold Hollow, the term "apple-picking" meant "here's a crate of apples that have already fallen, pick as many as you want."

If I had wanted to pick apples of that "quality," I would have gone

to the supermarket. The ultimate disappointment was the price of the apples. It was \$8 for half a bushel, and \$12 for a full bushel. For that kind of money, I should have at least seen a pine tree.

Shakespeare with a twist

By Maggie Starvish
Staff Writer

There were no men sporting tights and thick British accents at the October 18th performance of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the McCarthy Arts Center. The Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, who performed the play, takes a unique approach to Shakespeare's work.

"We are trying to bring back Shakespeare's original stage and conditions," Jim Warren, the company's managing director, said. In Shakespeare's time, it was up to the actors to convey the meaning of the play, rather than fancy sets, costumes, and lighting tricks, Warren said.

To simulate the conditions of the theaters of Shakespeare's time, the house lights stayed on through the entire show. The cast invited the audience to sit closer and even had chairs set up on both sides of the stage. Many of the props were gathered from the audience. At the beginning of the play, the actors requested that the audience lend them anything they thought would be helpful. A shoe, a white negligee, and an empty gallon bottle of Smirnoff vodka were collected.

The play began when actor Mark McLane (Lysander) brought

out a guitar and the cast danced about wildly, singing "The Game of Love." The play is set mainly in a forest in Athens, where Hermia has run away with her lover, Lysander. Demetrius, the man Hermia is supposed to marry, follows them into the forest. He is in turn followed by Helena, Hermia's friend, who is in

The theater lights were kept on throughout the show, props were gathered from the audience and some people sat on stage for the performance.

love with Demetrius.

Mark McLane and Chad Hoepfel were wonderful in the roles of Lysander and Demetrius. While in the forest, they are bewitched by a wood sprite, Puck. He uses his magic to make them fall in love with Helena. They alternate between gazing adoringly at Helena and going at each other with a baseball bat. Their facial expressions, body language, and words combined to make convincing, hilarious characters.

The spell is eventually lifted, and Hermia and Lysander, along with Helena and Demetrius (among others) get married. A play is performed for them at their wedding.

I didn't quite understand the plot

of this play-within-a-play because I was laughing so hard at it. I think it was some sort of love story in which both the lovers, Pyramus and Thisby (played by Kevin Bergen and Joe Falocco), end up dead.

Falocco was dressed in a white negligee with a messy black Marilyn Monroe wig on his head, a flowery scarf wrapped around his neck, and black Chuck Taylor sneakers on his feet. He literally danced around the stage on tip-toes and spoke with a thick Southern accent.

"Asleep, mah love? What, day-ed, mah dove," he cried as he bent over Bergen's body. His wig fell off, and the dead hand of Bergen snatched it up and stuck it back on his head. Falocco grabbed a dagger and stabbed himself several times, shrieking piteously: "And farewell, fray-ends, thus Thisby ay-ends: Adieu, adieu, adieu."

The wedding couples got up and played "The Hokey Pokey" on kazoos. They danced excitedly off to their marital beds, and Puck, wearing sunglasses, closed the production.

If this is the way Shakespeare's plays were really supposed to be performed, I can understand why he was such a popular guy in his time. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was lively, funny, and engaging. I left the auditorium with my sides sore from laughter.

Pearl Jam is back

By Jeff Pecor
Staff Writer

Pearl Jam ended its two year hold out last Tuesday at 12:00 a.m. releasing their second album entitled 'Vs.'. A crowd was lined up around the corner of Winooski Ave. in downtown Burlington Monday evening anticipating another rock legend found in the band's debut album, 'Ten.' Pearl Jam's 'Ten' sold over 5 million copies and quickly made them one of the most successful bands in rock history.

Well, for all you Pearl Jam fans out there 'Vs.' is equal to, or on some levels even better than the likes of 'Ten.' The self-proclaimed grunge band had been criticized for not fitting the grunge image in which they so proudly parade. However, this time out there is no mistaking it. 'Vs.' is as grungie as it gets. It stands with the likes of Stone Temple Pilots, Alice in Chains and Nirvana.

The 12 song album starts off with a song called 'Go.' It is sure to challenge the grunge critics with its funky, fast pace coupled with the straining voice of band face man Eddie Vedder. Other songs follow suit each with their own hint of violent, mosh-maddening power chords and heavy hitting drum sequences on top of a chest pounding bass. These songs include that debuted on the last month, and which are aptly

However much long time favorites track 'Jeremy' in the for a tune titled the charts for You'll recognize it

'Jeremy.' It has the same gentle and smooth sound paired of course with the Vedder's vocals stamped unmistakably into its image. 'Daughter' is the blazer for other slower paced songs to follow, but it's a tough tune to match. Listen for 'Elderly Woman Behind the Counter In a Small Town' and 'Dissident' to pattern themselves after it.

The layout of the album is very choppy. The pace of each song contrasts so much with that of the next that it makes the heavier songs heavier and the slower sound slower. It really captivates and makes the album that much better.

The Seattle based band has out done themselves this time. This album has been anything but a let down compared to 'Ten'. In some cases, I see it eclipsing its very popular predecessor. Give it some time, this thing has got several genuine hits in it.

If I had the audacity to criticize, I would make note of the fact that they didn't re-release a tune called 'Yellow Ledbetter'. It's one of my personal favorites, but it can only be picked up on a very expensive and rare CD titled 'Worldwide'. It should be shared with the world on this album rather than hidden away on a more expensive one. But if you have the cash and are up for a hunt, best of luck to you.



Student shows his true colors

By Jess Allan
Staff Writer

He lived a life of fear. He hoped by saying that he was becoming a priest or by having a girlfriend for a year and a half that no one would discover his secret.

Since he was 11 years old, he knew that he was different, but it was only through a lot of soul searching that he discovered that he was gay.

Jim Gallagher, a senior at St. Michael's has finally begun to live the life he was meant to live. He came out of the closet this summer and has been living a gay lifestyle ever since.

Gallagher's girlfriend was one of the main reasons he came out. They had talked about getting married and came close to getting engaged, but Gallagher said he felt he wasn't being fair to her or himself. So he began to explore some of his feelings.

He realized that he had become very homophobic because he feared that he didn't fit the stereo-

type of a gay man, he said. He said he didn't act feminine or dress in women's clothing.

He eventually realized that these stereotypes weren't what being gay is all about, he said. "In being open about it, I want people to realize that these stereotypes do not fit anymore. I want people to examine their perception of what a gay person is," he said.

Gallagher is starting to educate others. He took the first big step when he came out publicly at the "Open Mike" event held at Billings North Lounge on October 14. The "Open Mike" event was a part of the series of events held at the University of Vermont to celebrate "Coming Out Week."

Gallagher said he came out to close friends and family, but he had never openly admitted to being gay. He said he was scared but he also felt empowered. "I made a conscious decision to do it...I chose to do it myself," he said.

He stood in front of a small, primarily gay audience and told the group that this was his first coming

out. He said that the applause he received gave him a feeling of welcome and reassurance.

Gallagher said that it was a relief to finally come out. "It is such an incredible feeling to get rid of all the fear and the hate of myself," he said.

Other members of the gay community also rose to speak about their coming out process. They ranged from a lesbian professor, to a mother of a lesbian, to the first gay marine to get kicked out of the marine corp. Each person told their story.

Linda Hollingdale, a counselor at the Student Resource Center at St. Michael's College, addresses to the non-gays in the audience. "Remember how you felt when you walked into the room. You felt left out and alone. Gays and lesbians are in a constant state of feeling left out and singled-out."

Hugs and applause were given to each person that spoke. It was a place where gays and non-gays could celebrate their differences and hopefully learn from the experience.

Serving in Selma

By Kimberly Breen
Staff Writer

Students looking for an alternative to starting a career right after graduation can volunteer in Selma, Ala. through the Edmundite Missions Corps (EMC).

This year, eight St. Michael's graduates are volunteering in Selma. Each volunteer is required to make a one-year commitment to the program.

St. Michael's graduates who volunteer live in a house in Selma, as a small community.

"What we do is not service work. What we do is ministry, and we call it ministry because we believe that the real energy that we get as individuals...comes from our spiritual lives and our relationship with God," Hornat said.

Deena Miller, a 1993 journalism graduate, is teaching elementary school kids creative writing in Selma. She is also helping students start a newspaper and yearbook for the first time, she said.

Miller said she enjoys giving the students a much-needed opportunity to show their talent.

Chris Lee, also a 1993 St. Michael's graduate, is working for Habitat for Humanity, an organization which constructs and renovates houses in poor communities. This work is especially rewarding because the results are seen first hand every day, Lee said.

Lee said that he may want to get a job in business after his year of service is over. "There is a need for

someone who has a conscience to be in the business world," Lee said. He said that he has seen, in Selma, how layoffs effect the community and he said that this will affect the business decisions he will make.

Rob Russo, a former

volunteer, said "Volunteering gives tremendous gratification-the ability to work with someone, the ability to extend a hand. The Mission Corps is an opportunity to realize that your responsibility for fellow humans is most important."

Diversity Coalition

October 27, 1993

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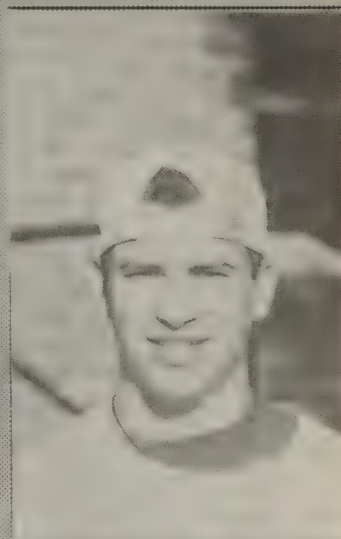
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*Professor
Carey Kaplan*

Department: English
Hometown: Brookline, Massachusetts
Favorite Book: "Remembrance of Things Past" by Marcel Proust
Favorite Class to Teach: Critical Theory
Favorite Music: Baroque
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Drug: Valium
Craziest thing she's ever done: Went to Paris with Professor John Izzy
Most Embarrassing Moment: Going to Paris with Professor John Izzy
Favorite Pastime: Reading
Most prized Possession: Standard poodle, Chuck
Favorite Way to Relieve Stress: Exercising
Favorite Quote on Life/Philosophy: "Viva la difference"
If you weren't a professor who would you be: A check-out girl at Lantman'sIGA in Hinesburg, VT
One Phrase to Describe Yourself: Manic

Compiled by Emily Ouimet



Ryan Longe

Hometown: Burlington, Vermont
Class: Freshman
Major: Exploratory
Favorite Class: College Writing
Favorite Book: "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien
Favorite Type of Music: Anything but Country
Favorite Food: Chinese
Favorite Drug: Adrenaline
Craziest Thing He's ever done: Painted his chest orange and blue at an NCAA playoff game at Syracuse Carrier Dome and got on T.V.
Most Embarrassing Moment: Falling in front of my friends while trying to snowboard.
Favorite Pastime: Playing baseball
Most prized Possession: Baseball hat collection
Favorite Way to Relieve Stress: Take a nap
Favorite Quote on Life/Philosophy: "Never Give Up."
Favorite Vacation Spot: Disney World, Florida
Pet Peeve: People who ask too many questions
One phrase to describe yourself: energetic and hard working
Plans for After Graduation: Hopefully to get a job and get on with my life

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Student recalls Romanian Revolution

By Shannon Cadres
Staff Writer

Comfortable sneakers and jeans; everybody wears them around campus, but nobody appreciates them quite like Romanian student Walter Simonetti.

Four years ago an average student in Romania would have to work for a month to buy quality jeans and sneakers. Work time was limited though, because sometimes as many as forty-eight hours a week were spent waiting in line for food.

Most Romanians did not complain about these conditions, because all houses and workplaces were wired by the Communist government.

This was life for junior Walter Simonetti.

Simonetti, 24, is a biology major at St. Michael's. After he graduates he wants to go to dental school. Four years ago he fought in the Romanian Revolution.

Before the Revolution, his life was controlled by the Communist Romanian government, he said. Not only was his house wired, but the Secret Police would make surprise visits and tear his house apart.

"My grandfather was put in jail before I was born, and he died there because he couldn't shut his mouth," he said.

Television programs in Romania were run for only two hours a day. News bulletins prepared by the government and stories or poems about the president were the only things to watch, he said.

Citizens could only listen to government-sponsored programs on the radio. Stations providing world news broadcast outside of Romania were listened to in secrecy, Simonetti said.

After evading the draft for one year to go to school, Simonetti was drafted into the army. All men in



PHOTO BY SVEN COLE
Walter Simonetti

Romania were drafted at age eighteen for two years of service.

"You go here to boot camp for six weeks. You go in Romania to boot camp for four months," he said. At camp, he was brainwashed to support the government at all costs, he said.

When the revolution began with demonstrations against the Communist regime, the army helped dictator Ceausescu's security forces put them down, he said.

When the president and government fled the country to avoid charges of mass murder, the army sided with the population.

The security forces, still loyal to the president, were in blue, and the army was in green. "For a while everyone was just shooting at everyone else," Simonetti said.

People were constantly screaming and children were lying dead in the streets. "Blood and guts were everywhere," he said.

Once, in the midst of a battle, he was diving under desks in a building to avoid the crossfire, he said. He found a telephone under one of the desks and called his parents to let them know he was alive.

He could hear the fighting going on near his home, while he was fighting somewhere else.

After the revolution, there was

only slightly more freedom and a little more food, he said.

"Everybody who died, died for nothing because the same things are going on now. Two of my friends died in the Revolution, and I still can't figure out why after three and a half years."

Simonetti's disagreement with the Romanian regime led him to the United States in June, 1990. The United States is the country with the most freedom, he said.

He enjoys St. Michael's because of the nice people and the size. "You're not a number here. You're a name," he said.

The hills and lakes of Vermont are a nice alternative to the flatlands of his homeland, he said. He enjoys scuba diving, hiking, and riding his motorcycle.

He has also been spending his time helping the drama club with its fall production *Mad Forest*. The play is a portrayal of the 1989 Revolution.

Simonetti enjoys helping the actors because they listen to what he has to say, he said.

"He helped make my character more real, and his stories hit me hard," junior actor Greg Niquette said.

"No matter how historical a play is, it's just a story until you meet someone who has lived it," said junior actor Rick Ames.

"My little petty problems seemed like nothing compared to what this guy went through," sophomore Damien Corsetti said.

Now wearing his jeans and sneakers, Simonetti is no longer a victim of food and clothing scarcity or oppression. However, he will always remember his war experiences.

"At age twenty-four I've seen enough to fill a couple of lifetimes here in the United States," said Simonetti.



PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

Students Wayne Christmas, Amy Pelletier, Shawntay Williams and Anthony Marrero prepare for the Annual MLK Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Annual MLK Thanksgiving Food Drive to begin Nov. 1

The Martin Luther King Society in collaboration with other campus humanitarian organizations, such as Diversity Coalition, Peace and Justice and Amnesty International, are preparing for the Annual MLK Thanksgiving Food Drive. Dr. Dorothy Williams, Director of Multicultural Affairs, said. The Food Drive, which will benefit needy families in Burlington, will begin November 1 and continue through November 17.

Food drop sites, which will be located around campus, will be designated by a picture of a turkey.

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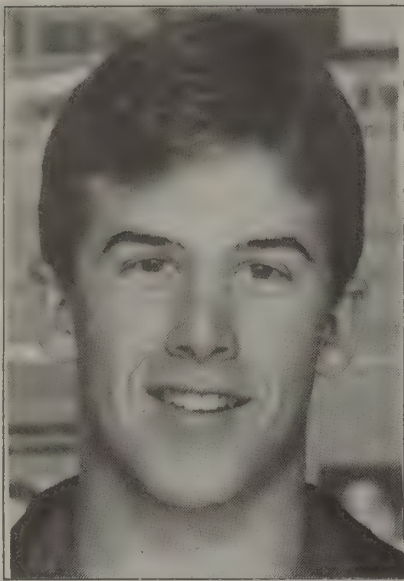
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Rob Hopper

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Rob Hopper Baseball

Hopper, a senior pitcher, had a 2.25 earned run average in five starts this spring for the Purple Knights. He threw a one-hitter over four innings of work in St. Michael's 2-1 victory against the Canadian Junior National Team.

The lefthander helped the Purple Knights to a 5-5 record this fall. In the spring, Hopper led the team with a 3.00 ERA.

Keri Forrest Volleyball

Forrest, a freshman outsidehitter, helped the Lady Knights to a third place finish in the Lady Knight Volleyball Invitational. St. Michael's won three of its four games in the four-team tournament.

She considers her consistent serving to be her greatest asset.

The Lady Knights are 14-8, the most wins in the history of the program.



Keri Forrest

PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

National Basketball Association preview

Continued from page 19

Kemp together make one of the best frontcourt pairs in the league. Kendall Gill will be coming off the bench to add some relief.

3. **Golden State Warriors:** Another team that has a great shot at first place. Chris Mullin will be back, but Tim Hardaway is out. But can Chris Webber take the team to another level? The Warriors are hoping so, and they may be right.

4. **Portland Trail Blazers:** Clyde Drexler's leg injuries are healed, and so are Portland's chances of winning. Harvey Grant comes in this year to solidify the forward po-

sition.

5. **Los Angeles Clippers:** Besides Danny Manning and Mark Jackson, there isn't much on the Clippers' staff.

6. **Sacramento Kings:** This team is headed in the right direction with players like Walt Williams and Bobby Hurley, but they still have a long way to go.

7. **Los Angeles Lakers:** This team needs to rebuild. They will probably miss the playoffs for the first time since the 1975-76 season.

Midwest Division

1. **Houston Rockets:** Hakeem Olajuwon will put up big numbers,

and challenge Barkley and Ewing for the MVP award this season. He, together with Otis Thorpe and Robert Horry combine to make one of the best front three in the game. This is an exciting team, with players in the prime of their careers. Now if only the fans knew. The playoffs didn't even sell out last year.

2. **San Antonio Spurs:** David Robinson and company will make a run at first, but will fall short. If they play the way they did the second half of last season however, we could be in for a surprise.

3. **Utah Jazz:** John Stockton and

Jeff Malone have the guard positions wrapped up, as does Karl Malone at forward. Look for an improvement from last year, but only if the center position is solidified.

4. **Minnesota Timberwolves:** The Timberwolves could have the Rookie of the Year in J.R. Rider. Christian Laettner will probably have a solid year, and Chuck Person will do his annual trash talking. It

won't help.

5. **Denver Nuggets:** The Colorado Rockies of basketball.

6. **Dallas Mavericks:** They will improve over last year's 11 wins, with Jamal Mashburn. Hey, they may win 20. At least Dallas still has the Cowboys.

NBA FINALS

Look for the Suns to win the championship this season from the Knicks in seven games.

Ice Knights 1993-94 preview

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rookie of the week in the teams 2-1 win over New Hampshire College. Rookies Rich Acton, sophomore, and Toby Grutkowski, freshman, round out the trio.

There are three other goalies on the schools "B" team, coached by DiMasi's brother, Bob. The goalies, like all the players, must realize that there can be movement up and down at any time, Lou DiMasi said.

"There's no loose ends out there. We're all playing good hockey with

great emotion," Coogan said. Because of the added depth, the goalies push each other more in practice, he said.

While two-thirds of the goal producers from a year ago are gone, DiMasi said there is a wealth of untapped talent that is ready to explode and surprise many.

The offense will feature junior forwards Joel Taplin (10-11-21) and Matt Gill (7-3-10). Aggressive senior Adam Wansiewicz and junior Erik Steverman will also be counted

on to produce up front.

Also attacking the net will be seniors Rob Ryan, Tom Mitchell, and Sean Walsh; juniors John Acunto and Pat Dougherty; sophomores Brian Heney, Matt Asiaf, Dan Taylor, Tim Shaheen and Jimmy Whitcomb; and freshmen Tom Pavo and Peter Walsh.

While not favored in the league, any team can finish first since it comes down to hard work and heart, DiMasi said. "I love being the underdog," the coach said.

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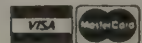
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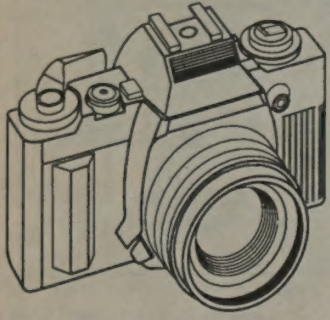
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Player Profiles



Focusing on... Jon Zaffino and Nicole Cremo

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Jon Zaffino

Zaffino balances a full schedule

Mary Ellen O'Driscoll
Staff Writer

Sitting in his quiet, cluttered townhouse plastered with beer signs and pictures, Jon Zaffino relaxed on his couch after a long day of classes and meetings. He began his day with an 11:45 a.m. class. When he finally sat down at 8:30 p.m., he still had not eaten dinner. This is a usual day for him, he said.

Jon Zaffino is captain of the men's soccer team and vice-president of the Student Association.

"He's a true student athlete," head coach Les Johnson said.

When Zaffino plays soccer, his attitude changes, he said.

"A lot of people have game personalities," he said. "I'm probably the most intense person in the game. It gets me going, it's kind of a zone you're in during the game. You don't even hear people yelling at you."

"When he's on his game, he is one of the most dominating players I have ever seen," assistant coach Jeff Winterton said.

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Cremo climbs SMC scoring ladder



Nicole Cremo

Jess Allan
Staff Writer

Six small points and she will be in the record books.

If junior Nicole Cremo scores six points by the end of the season, and she will be the all-time leading scorer in women's soccer at St. Michael's College.

Blushing at the thought of even making the all-Northeast-10 Conference team for the third year in a row, she thinks of her outstanding accomplishments as just part of being the team. "Because we are such a team sport, there are no real leaders on the field," she said.

She came to St. Michael's not for the soccer, but for the academics. She was not recruited to play, but tried out because her high-school coach suggested it.

This was a lucky break for St. Michael's. She has also been named to the all-New England team two years in a row and is presently third in the conference in scoring with 13 goals.

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St. Michael's Dave Antonloli (in white), a sophomore forward, attempts to elude an oncoming Assumption defender during the Purple Knights' 4-0 victory over Assumption on Saturday.

Minor league baseball returns to Burlington

Tim Arango
Staff Writer

University of Vermont's Centennial Field will once again be a field of dreams for young ballplayers trying to reach the major leagues.

After a five year absence, minor league baseball is back in Burlington.

Local businessman Ray Pecor purchased the Montreal Expos Class A minor league team, located in Jamestown N.Y., last Tuesday and will move the team to Burlington for the 1994 season.

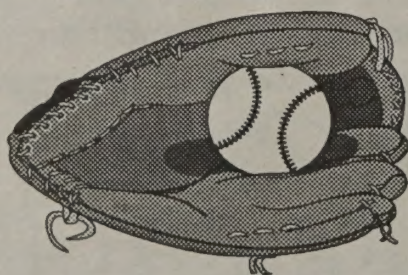
Burlington was home to the Cincinnati Reds Class AA team from 1983-1987, and the Seattle Mariners in 1988.

Pecor began pursuing minor league baseball as soon as the Mariners left in 1988.

"When the team was here it was important to the community," says Pecor. "I think it's important for the community to have good, clean, in-

expensive entertainment."

Added Pecor, "I also think it's good for young ballplayers in the area - whether it be little league, high school, or college - to see professional players play ball."



As part of the agreement to bring the team to Burlington, Centennial Field must be upgraded. Pecor said that improvements will be made to the concessions, locker rooms, dugouts, and rest rooms.

The possibility also exists that a new ballpark will be constructed.

"Right now it is too early to tell, but I'd say there is a 50-50 chance

that a new ballpark will be built", said Pecor. "We should know in another month or two."

The park will most likely be built in Williston, Essex, or Burlington.

Economically, the team should be a benefit to the area.

"It will be a boost to Burlington. It will bring more people into the area to stay at our hotels, and eat in our restaurants," said Pecor.

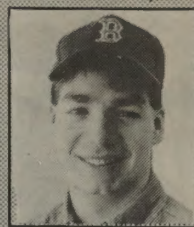
The team will play in the New York-Penn. League, which includes 13 teams located in Pennsylvania, Ontario, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

The team will be stocked with players fresh out of high school or college and will play a 75 game season from June to Labor Day.

Many current major leaguers have made stops in Burlington including Ken Griffey Jr., Chris Sabo, Rob Dibble, Barry Larkin, and Omar Vizquel.

Out in Leftfield

Pete Romanowski
Executive Editor



Baseball: A la Canada

For better or for worse, baseball has forever changed. It is no longer America's pastime. Instead, it is now *North America's* pastime. Baseball north of the border is here to stay whether you like it or not.

This may not sound dramatic, but consider the impact dominant Canadian teams may have in the future:

The United States and Canada have two different systems of measurement. They use the metric system and we don't. What if we were to convert to their system?

That would mean The Green Monster in Fenway Park would loom a mere 101.6 meters away. The 420-foot blast to center field would be reduced to a 127.4 meter fly ball. Joe DiMaggio's 520-foot longest homerun ball would now measure at 157.7 meters. Hardly dramatic.

Baseball has always been a game of pitching. The greatest pitchers have traditionally been the hard-throwing Nolan Ryans' and Roger Clemens'. Clemens consistently throws at 95 mph, sometimes as high as 98 mph. How would you like to hear Tim McCarver say Clemens' last pitch was thrown at 156.8 kilometers per hour? Somehow, somewhere, something is being lost in the translation.

Arguably, the most exciting part of baseball is the hitting. Millions of little leaguers could tell you the starting lineup and batting averages of their favorite team. But now what if we went to the metric system? John Olerud lead the majors with a .368 batting average. In the future would this be written as 3.68×10^{-2} ? Would John Smoltz' earned run average be reduced to 3.32×10^0 ? This is beginning to smell a lot less like apple pie and a lot more like Canadian bacon.

There are, however, some advantages to a more integrated sport. For example, the drinking age in Canada is only 18-years-old. This is a good way to get the youth of the United States back into the game. Plus the beer in Canada has a higher alcohol content, meaning you get more suds for your Loon.

All in all, Canadian baseball hasn't been that bad. We just saw one of the most dramatic endings to a World Series ever with Joe Carter's ninth inning homer (it could have been a lot worse, the Yankees could have been there instead). Not bad for a bunch of rented players.

Life in the fast lane:

In the interest of speeding up the game, here are a few suggestions:

--The homerun: hitters need not trot around the basepads after sending one deep. On average, this victory lap takes about 13.4 seconds to complete (unless your Kurt Gibson, then it's more like 13.4 minutes).

--Trips to the mound by coaches: Pitchers should wear radio headsets so they can be in constant communication with their coach and the catcher. This would trim a considerable amount of time, especially considering how out of shape most baseball coaches are.

--Foul balls: Four fouls and you're out. Period. Just like wiffleball.

--Intentional walks: These are way too drawn out. Just hit the batter.

One last thing:

The Red Sox magic number is 162. *This could be the year.*

Mid-Knight Madness

By Kristelle Angelli
Features Editor

The women's basketball team will kick off their practice season during Mid-Knight Madness, which will begin Friday at 10:45 p.m. and last until Saturday morning 12:30 a.m.

It will be both a Halloween party and the opening of the women's basketball season, Jenny Wood, assistant women's basketball coach, said.

There will be carnival games and basketball shooting contests for prizes. The first 75 people in the door will receive free Mid-Knight Madness t-shirts. Admission will be \$1 for those in costume or \$2 for those who aren't.

"At 12:01 a.m., we'll introduce the team and have them show off a little bit," Wood said.

The event will be open to all St. Michael's students as well as people from the Burlington area.

"We don't have that many home games this season," Wood said. "We want to get the team introduced early so people don't forget about us."

The National Collegiate Athletic Association teams recently declared the practice season of its members can begin on October 30 rather than November 1, as in the past, Wood said.

Pro basketball preview

With Jordan gone, NBA title up for grabs

Eric Wilbur
Staff Writer

The long summer is over, and it's time for basketball again.

The National Basketball Association has got to be relieved, after one of the most horrible summers in its history.

First, there were the deaths of the New Jersey Nets' Drazen Petrovic, the Boston Celtics' Reggie Lewis, and James Jordan, Michael's father. Then there was the collapse of the Phoenix Suns' Charles Barkley at practice, and the drug relapse of the Suns' Richard Dumas.

But the most important off-season news came on Oct. 6, when the Chicago Bulls' superstar Michael Jordan announced his retirement, leaving many to wonder why.

Whatever the reason (he said the desire was gone), Jordan's decision affects the NBA in more ways than one. It takes the Bulls from a championship level to mediocrity, and puts Seattle, Cleveland, Houston, and Charlotte, among others, right in the thick of the race. Let's take a look at the upcoming season:

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

1. **New York Knicks:** It seems that the only accomplishment left for Patrick Ewing is to take his team to the title round. With Jordan gone, the Knicks have a great shot to do just that.

Last year, Ewing was sixth in scoring, and fourth in MVP balloting. Pat Riley was voted Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. However, the Bulls got in their way of the final round.

This season, look for Ewing to have another MVP-caliber season as he leads the Knicks to that final round. He'll have plenty of help from guards John Starks (the Knicks' number two scorer last year), as well as forward Anthony Mason.

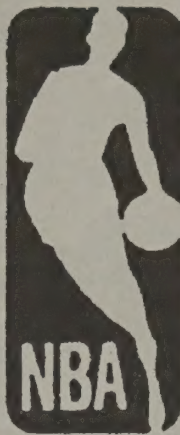
2. **Orlando Magic:** After a summer filled with Pepsi pushing, rapping, and movie filming, Shaquille O'Neal is ready to play again.

You can't help but like the Magic. They are an exciting young team, who have progressed greatly in only a few years. Anfernee Hardaway joins the team this year at the guard position.

The only place the Magic are weak is at forward, where Chris

Webber would have fit in perfectly. But if they take care of that, the Magic are only a few years away from the championship.

3. **Miami Heat:** Will Harold Miner become what he's really capable of? Will Steve Smith avoid injury? Will Glen Rice remain consistent? How will Brian Shaw react to the deaths



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Eric Wilbur's Predictions Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

1. New York Knicks
2. Orlando Magic
3. Miami Heat
4. New Jersey Nets
5. Boston Celtics
6. Philadelphia 76ers
7. Washington Bullets

Central Division

1. Charlotte Hornets
2. Cleveland Cavaliers
3. Chicago Bulls
4. Atlanta Hawks
5. Indiana Pacers
6. Detroit Pistons
7. Milwaukee Bucks

Western Conference

Pacific Division

1. Phoenix Suns
2. Seattle SuperSonics
3. Golden State Warriors
4. Portland Trail Blazers
5. Los Angeles Clippers
6. Sacramento Kings
7. Los Angeles Lakers

Midwest Division

1. Houston Rockets
2. San Antonio Spurs
3. Utah Jazz
4. Minnesota Timberwolves
5. Denver Nuggets
6. Dallas Mavericks

of his parents and sister? Too many questions.

4. **New Jersey Nets:** After the death of Petrovic, the Nets don't really have anyone besides Kenny Anderson to put at guard. They've got a strong forward in Derrick Coleman, but are weak at every other position.

5. **Boston Celtics:** The question here is not how well will they do, but how well will they play after Reggie Lewis' death? Look for Xavier McDaniel and Dee Brown to have good years, but nothing that will take them anywhere. And yes, the Chief, Robert Parish, is back at center at age 40 in what will have to be his last year.

6. **Philadelphia 76ers:** With virtually a whole new team of players

than last year, the 76ers are a dead end. Shawn Bradley is a great start for rebuilding, and bringing Moses Malone in to help the younger players was a good idea too, but you'll have to wait a couple of years.

7. **Washington Bullets:** I sure hope the Clintons aren't basketball fans.

Central Division

1. **Charlotte Hornets:** Look for the Hornets to play over their heads to capture the Central. Alonzo Mourning made his presence instantly known by averaging 21 points and 10.3 rebounds last season at center. This year, look for more of the same from Mourning, as well as another great year from forward Larry Johnson.

The key to this club though, lies

potential.

Cleveland has what could be the game's premier point guard in Mark Price, as well as one of the best centers, Brad Daugherty.

3. **Chicago Bulls:** How the mighty have fallen. A month ago, the Bulls would have been picked to win it all

for the fourth straight year. But now, without Jordan, the defending champions drop to third. Tony Kukoc will join the Bulls this year, and will be forced to fill in. Scottie Pippen will have a huge year, and finally get the press he deserves. But without Jordan, there will be no riots in Chicago.

4. **Atlanta Hawks:** They do have Dominique Wilkins, Mookie Blaylock, and Kevin Willis, but that's only three. You need five on the court, and the Hawks haven't got it.

5. **Indiana Pacers:** Detlef Schrempf and Reggie Miller highlight the team here. However, Miller is inconsistent, as is center Rik Smits. There's nothing to cheer about here.

6. **Detroit Pistons:** It's sad to watch a team that was so great a few years ago become so old and mediocre. Doesn't Bill Laimbeer have the sense to retire yet?

7. **Milwaukee Bucks:** Maybe Milwaukee ought to stick to just brewing beer.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific Division

1. **Phoenix Suns:** The toughest race will be in the Pacific Division, where four teams could take the top spot. In the end though, the Suns will come out on top.

Expect much of the same from Charles Barkley, after his MVP season, when he lead the Suns to the final round. A.C. Green joins the team this year to help at guard.

Two concerns the Suns must have are Barkley's health, and Dumas' relapse. If Barkley is healthy, and Dumas shapes up, the Suns will dominate. It also could be Barkley's last year, as he has hinted of his retirement.

2. **Seattle SuperSonics:** With Shawn Kemp leading the way, the SuperSonics have a good shot at taking the division. Derrick McKey also plays a part in Seattle's charge, as he and

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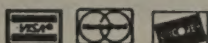
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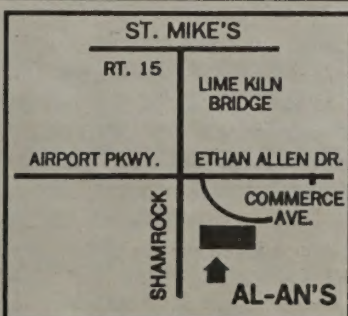
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SPORTS

Dartmouth wins St. Michael's volleyball tournament; Lady Knights finish third

By Jessica Irish
Staff Writer

Dartmouth College defeated University of Massachusetts-Lowell in the Championship game of the annual Lady Knight Volleyball Invitational at Ross Sports Center on Friday and Saturday. Host St. Michael's College finished third by beating Stonehill in the consolation game.

"We're a young team, but we work well together. Playing against Dartmouth was one of the best games we've had this season," sophomore middle-hitter May Ferriera said of St. Michael's 3-2 victory over Dartmouth Friday.

Junior Jess Allan and freshman Keri Forrest, both outside-hitters for St. Michael's, were named to the All-Tournament Team Saturday.

Forrest said she was surprised when named to the All-Tournament team and she thought the team has played better than expected.

St. Michael's volleyball has a record of 14-8 this season, the most wins in the history of St. Michael's volleyball.

St. Michael's is guaranteed the fifth seed in the Northeast-10 Conference tournament the first weekend in November, Coach Grouse said.

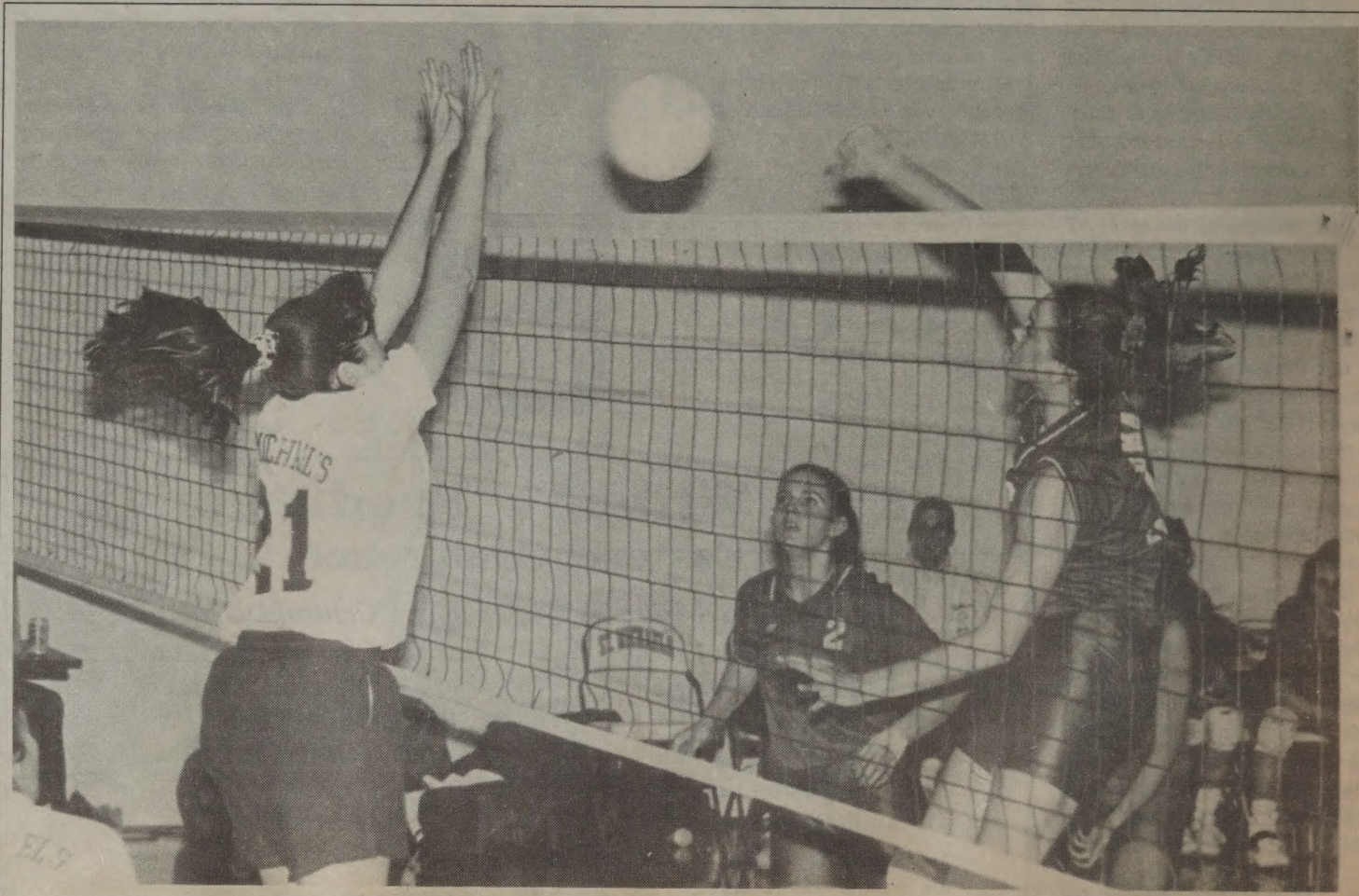


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St. Michael's Eileen Terry (in white) stretches above the net in an attempt to block a University of Massachusetts-Lowell player's spike. UMass-Lowell won the match 3-1 on Friday night at the Ross Sports Center in the Lady Knight Volleyball Invitational.

Double teamed...



PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

St. Michael's Keri Forrest (left in white) and Eileen Terry (on the right in white) combine to stuff the attempted spike of a University of Massachusetts-Lowell player.

Ice Knights prepare for upcoming season

By Michael Tusiani
Staff Writer

Eleven o'clock Friday night practices can mean only one thing to the members of the Saint Michael's hockey team: It's time to take to the ice.

With the loss of many key players from last year's team (6-16-1 overall, 3-11-0 in the Eastern College Athletic Conference), many Ice-Knight fans believe the upcoming season will be a rebuilding one for the team.

For several reasons, key players from last year's team are not returning. The offense, which lost five of its top six scorers from a year ago to graduation, is going to suffer the most from these losses.

Mark Needleman, who led the team with 47 points, is now playing for the Dayton Bombers of the East Coast Hockey League. Graduates Andy Northup, Dave Berry and Sean McDaniel combined for a third of the team's goal production last year.

The team will also have spaces to fill from last year behind the blue line. Defensemen Brian Murphy, (the fourth leading scorer), and Derek Rynne both graduated, while starting goalie Jed Dousevicz transferred.

"Last year was tough and it is better behind us," said Ice-Knights coach Lou DiMasi. DiMasi, who is entering his 12th season as the hockey coach at St. Michael's, said he knows that the team lost some great talent.

However, he said he is excited about the upcoming year. The new

"Last year was tough and it is better behind us,"

•Lou DiMasi, St. Michael's hockey coach, on last season's 6-16-1 record.

faces will blend well with and pick up on the overall hard work attitude the returning players gained from last year, he said.

DiMasi said he believes his assistant coaches will help the teams structure this year. First-year coach Steve Mattson is a great motivator who has put spunk into the players, while Chris Donovan will help in refining their skills, DiMasi said.

The coaches recently finished running their four-week dry land training program, which included weight training, extensive running and motivational talks. DiMasi was very positive when talking about dry land, which was held as a team

and not individually as it had been in the past.

"Not only did it help everyone get in shape, but it helped bring the players together, added junior forward Erik Steverman.

As they prepare for the season opener, the team will begin practice with four seniors, eight juniors, nine sophomores and six freshmen.

As practice begins, great emphasis will be put on defensive zone coverage, DiMasi said. With Murphy and Rynne gone, juniors Brendan Kelleher, Peter Mongeau and Brendan Collins will need to come up big.

Both Kelleher and Mongeau are solid stay-at-home defensemen, while Collins showed some offensive spark (4 goals) last year. Sophomore Steve Tomczak and Freshmen Chris Boisse, Sheppard LaPage and Chris Hagan round out the defense.

With goalie Dousevicz gone, who started 17 games last year, the defense is protecting a less experienced goalie. While DiMasi has not named a starter yet, he is glad to have three quality goaltenders.

Bill Coogan is the only one with prior league play. He started six games last year and won ECAC

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•Earl Warren, former chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.